

Creating a Multimedia Presentation Using Photo Story 3 for Windows

(From this point forward, I will abbreviate the program name to PS3.)

Steps to create the Simplest Project:

- Open the program and keep the default *Begin a new story*
- Import Pictures
- Save your story
- Watch it!

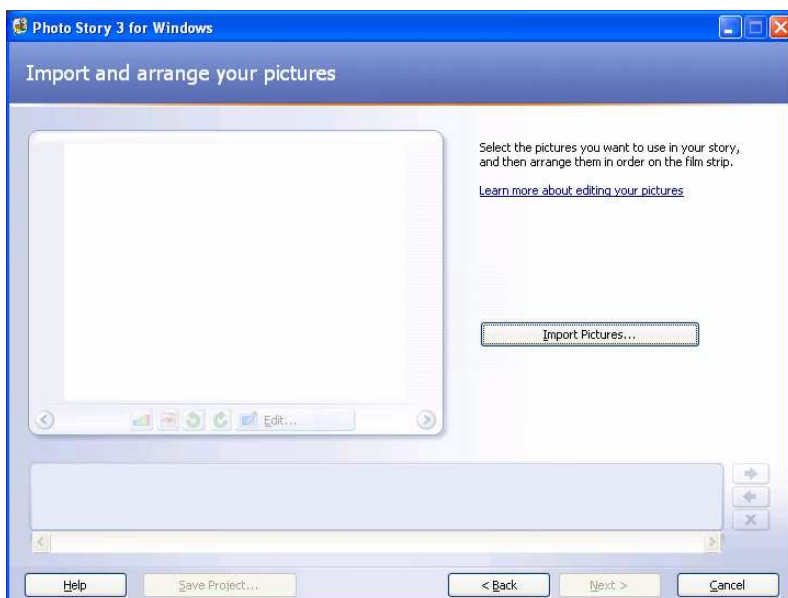
Couldn't be easier, but could be a lot more fun. Here are detailed steps to create an interesting project.

Open the program, keep the default *Begin a new story*. Click **Next >**

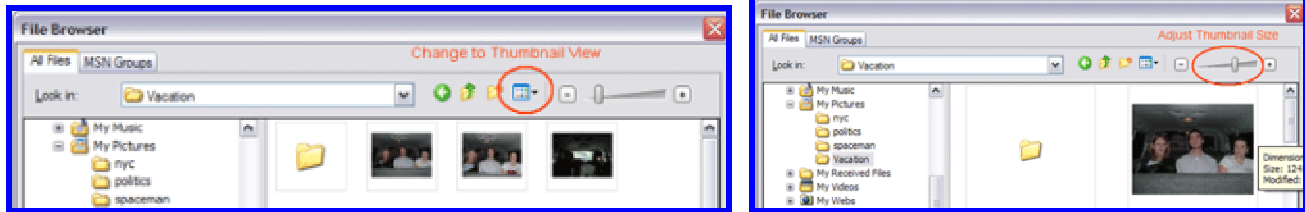


On the **Import and arrange your pictures** dialog window, we'll bring photos into the PS3 project, set the picture order, and edit the pictures. Each PS3 is limited to 300 photos.

To add photos, you can either ~~drag and drop the~~ pictures into the film strip, or Import the Pictures.
To Import the photos, click **Import Pictures...**



The File Browser dialog box will open. It can be helpful to switch to the thumbnail view, and increase the image size:

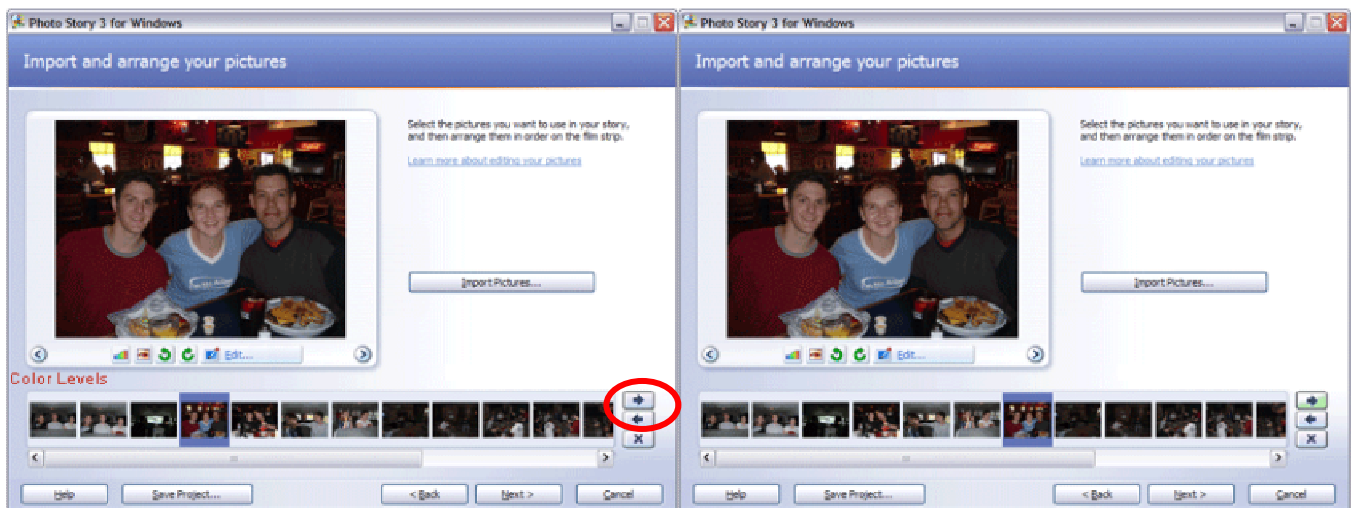


To select photos and move them into the PS3 project, do one of the following:

- Add one picture at a time. Click to select a picture and then click OK.
- Add a range of pictures. Click to select the first picture in the range, hold the Shift key and click to select the last picture in the range, and then click OK.
- Add a selection of non-sequential pictures. Hold the Ctrl key and click to select the desired pictures and then click OK.

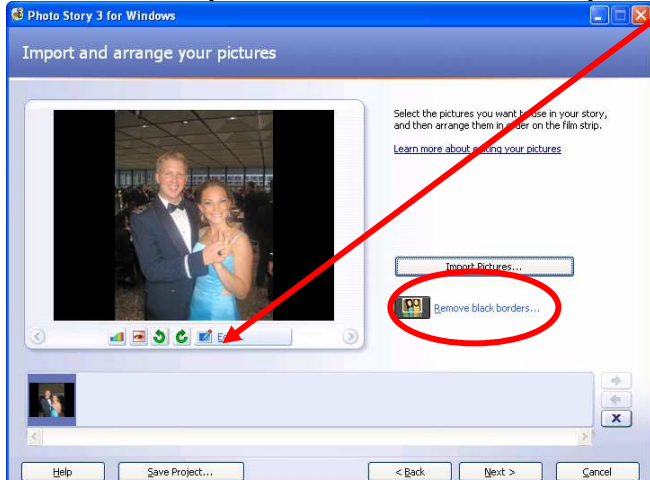
Now that you have pictures in the filmstrip, you can arrange them.

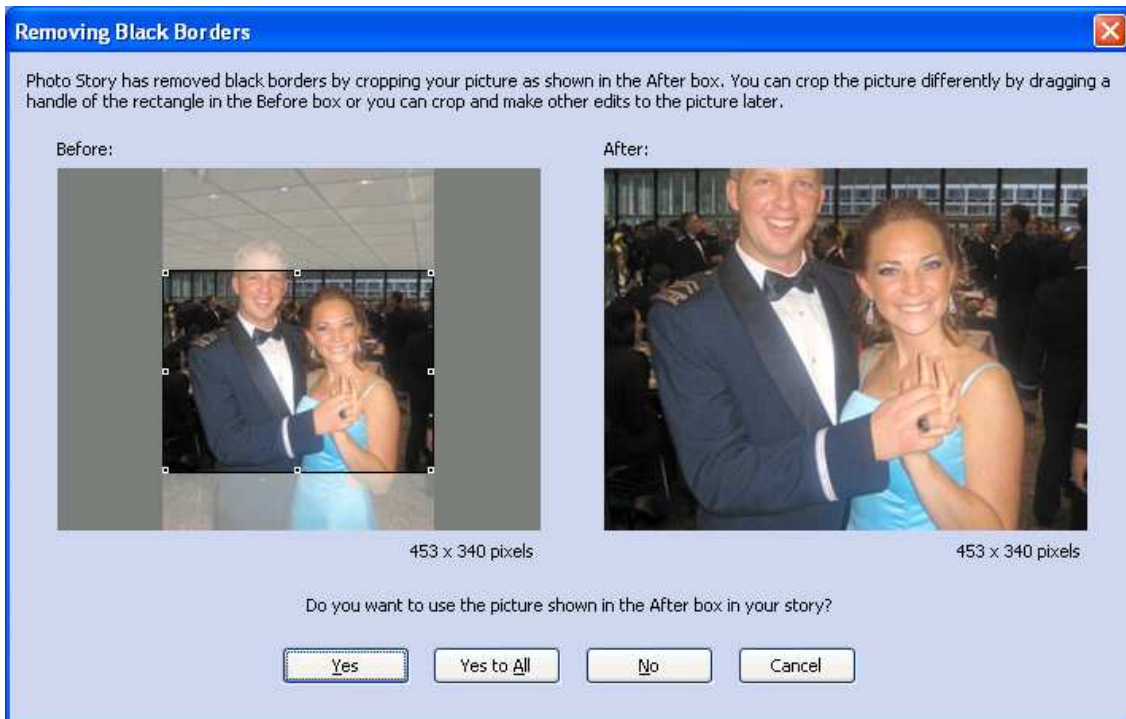
To move a picture's position in the filmstrip, first click to select the thumbnail. Then, use the left or right arrows at the end of the filmstrip, or drag it to the desired spot and drop it. The example shows moving the 4th picture to the 7th spot.



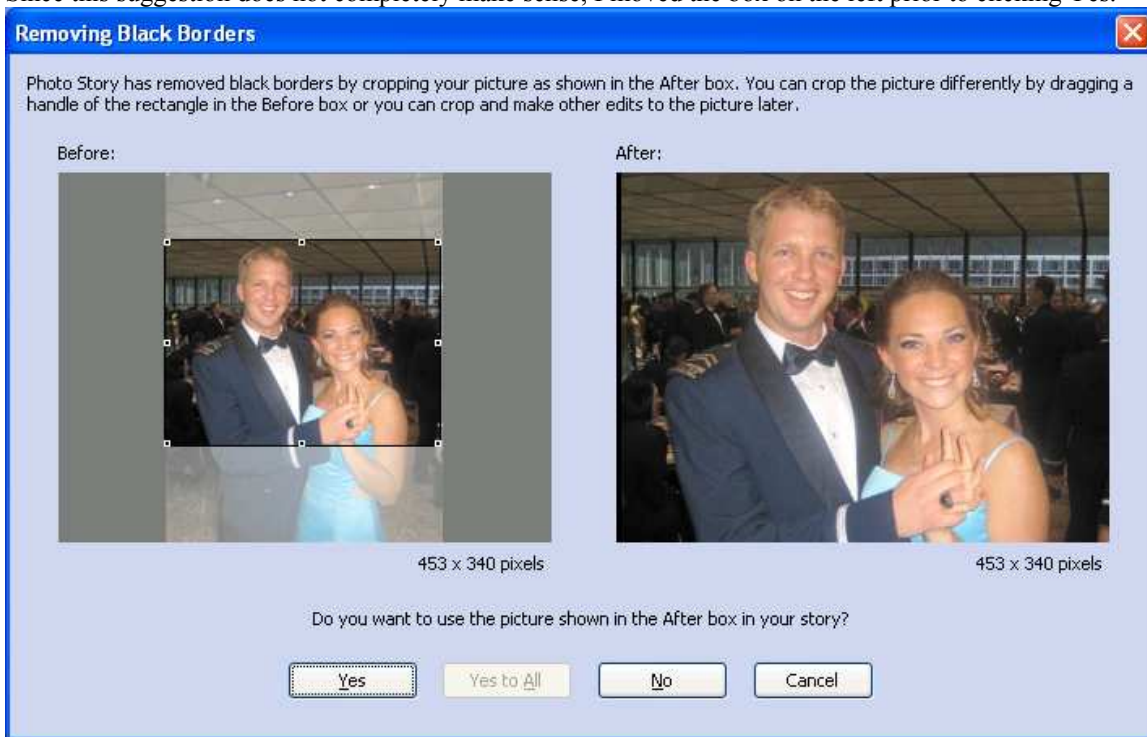
You can also edit pictures. Use the tools under the picture

or click the button Remove black borders.





Since this suggestion does not completely make sense, I moved the box on the left prior to clicking Yes.



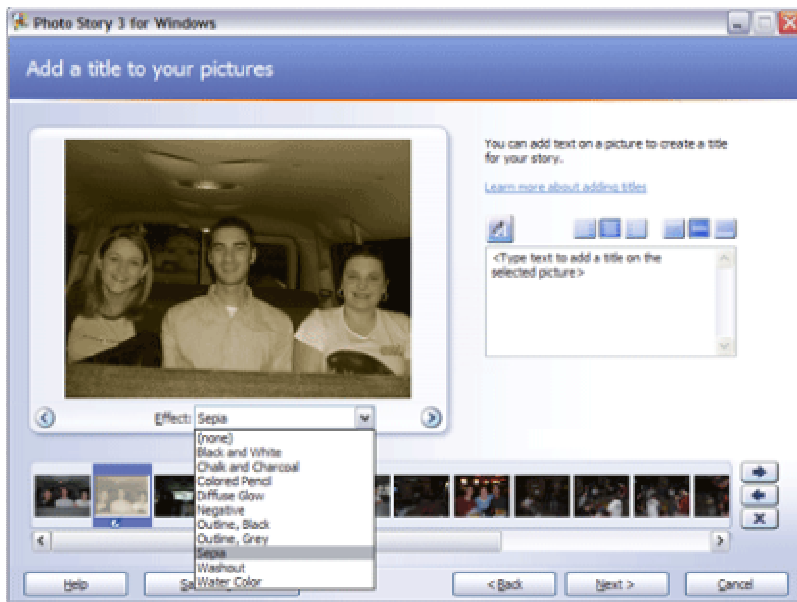
When you're happy with your arrangement and the look of your photos, Click

You can return to make additional changes at any time by selecting the button.

On the **Add a title to your pictures** dialog window, we can add text and special effects to photos.

Select the slide on which you want to include text. Click where indicated and enter the caption that you'd like to appear on the picture. You can change the font style, color, and position on the slide by using the tools above the text box (to the right of the photo.) By default, the text is centered.

You can also create a special effect, such as sepia tone. Select the desired photo from the film strip, then choose an effect from the dropdown. Click **Next >** when ready.



This will take you to the **Narrate your pictures and customize motion** dialog window.

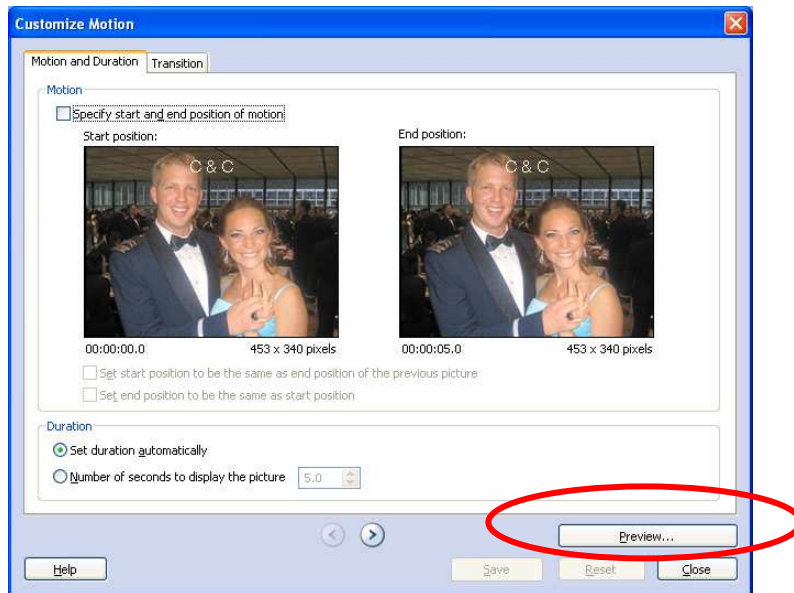


Here, you can record up to 5 minutes of narration per photo, or change the default motion.

To record narration, use the tools on the right side of the screen. *Note: You can record narration externally (using sound recorder, for example) and then insert the sound file. This is done in the Background Music section of the wizard.

To change motion, transitions and display time for any and all photos, click the Customize Motion button. Notice that you have 2 tabs to work with.

Use the **Preview...** button to test your customization. Be careful - **Save** prior to **Close**. Click **Next >** when ready.

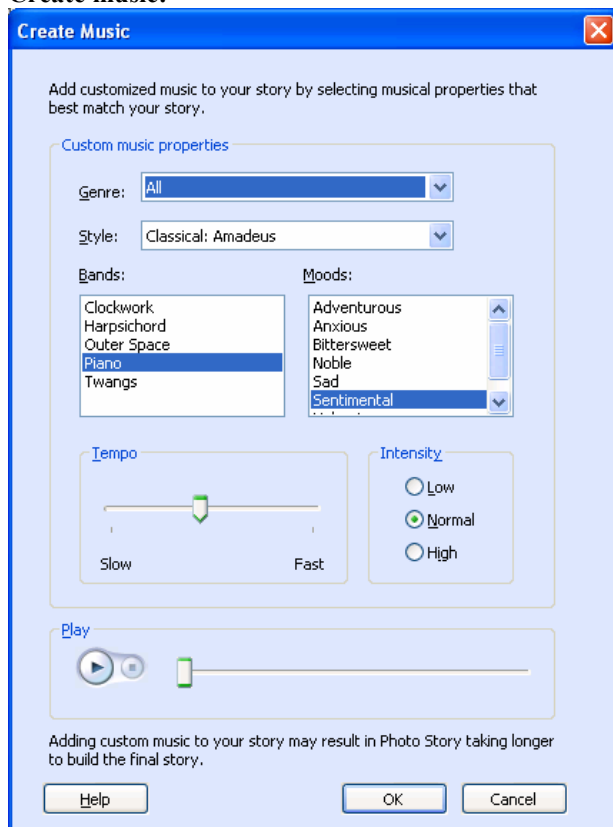


This will take you to the **Add background music** dialog window.

This is where you can insert narrations that you have saved previously.

It's also a fun place for adding and creating music. You can use music of your choice (keep copyright rules in mind – no more than 60 seconds without permission), or create custom music. You can add multiple musical selections. The sound file will begin playing on the slide (picture) you have selected. You can click on each slide one at a time to add different sound files to each slide.

Create music:



Custom music pieces will automatically end as your PS3 does. Use the Play button to test out your creation. Note – using custom music increases the time it takes to save the project. Click Next > when ready.

You've arrived at the final step - the **Save your story** dialog window.
Pay attention to where you save and the file name!

Note: I recommend saving your project after you save the file. The finished product will be a video file (like wmv) and uneditable. Your project will be a wp3 file – you will be able to edit it in the future using PhotoStory 3.

Note: Want to include slides that are text only, such as for a title or credits? Import a slide that contains a section of color that you like. Edit > crop the slide to be the color splotch only. Add you text.

Here's a before and after:

